

**POTATO STOCKS****Released: February 15, 2005****MINNESOTA POTATO STOCKS 8% BELOW 2004 LEVEL**

**February 1 Stocks:** Minnesota's fall potatoes in storage totaled 10.2 million hundredweight, 8 percent below the February 1, 2004 level, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. The breakdown of February 1, 2004 stocks by type indicate 8 percent red, 5 percent white and 87 percent russet.

Stocks in Area 1 totaled 2.85 million hundredweight, down 5 percent from 2004. Stocks in Area 2 totaled 7.35 million hundredweight, down 9 percent from 2004.

**MINNESOTA FALL POTATO STOCKS**

Type	Feb. 1, 2004		Feb. 1, 2005	
	Stocks 2003 Crop (000) Cwt	Percent of Total Stocks	Stocks 2004 Crop (000) Cwt	Percent of Total Stocks
Red	1,220	11	820	8
White	480	4	510	5
Russet	9,400	85	8,870	87
Total	11,100	100	10,200	100

**MINNESOTA FALL POTATO STOCKS BY REGION**

Region 1/ MN Area 1	Feb. 1, 2004		Feb. 1, 2005	
	Stocks 2003 Crop (000) Cwt	Percent of Total Stocks	Stocks 2004 Crop (000) Cwt	Percent of Total Stocks
MN Area 1	3,000	27	2,850	28
MN Area 2	8,100	73	7,350	72
State Total	11,100	100	10,200	100

1/ Minnesota Area 1 includes the following counties: Kittson, Roseau, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Beltrami, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Mahnomen, Norman, Clearwater, Clay, Becker and Wilkin counties. Minnesota Area 2 includes all remaining counties in the State.

## 15 STATES POTATO STOCKS UP 2 PERCENT

**The 15 major potato States** held 204 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2005, up 2 percent from last year and 3 percent above 2003. Potatoes in storage account for 51 percent of the 2004 fall storage States' production, 1 percentage point above last year. Stocks by type show a smaller percentage of reds and round whites but a larger percentage of russets than a year ago. Disappearance of 199 million cwt of potatoes is down 2 percent from last year and 4 percent below two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 22.5 million cwt so far this season, is up 10 percent from both last year and the same date in 2003. Processors in the 9 major States used 101 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 1 percent from a year ago and 6 percent below two years ago. Dehydrating usage accounts for 20.0 million cwt of the total processing, down 9 percent from last year and 16 percent below the same date in 2003.

**Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks on February 1, 2004-2005 <sup>1</sup>**

State	Crop of 2003			Crop of 2004		
	Prod	Stocks Feb 1, 2004	% of Prod	Prod	Stocks Feb 1, 2005 <sup>2</sup>	% of Prod
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CA	3,528	1,600	45	3,876	1,900	49
CO	23,652	12,600	53	23,148	12,900	56
ID	123,180	67,000	54	131,970	75,000	57
ME	17,030	10,500	62	19,220	11,100	58
MI	15,015	6,200	41	13,650	5,300	39
MN	22,330	11,100	50	18,920	10,200	54
MT	3,339	2,900	87	3,551	3,250	92
NE	9,744	4,600	47	9,288		
NY	6,510	1,100	17	5,184	1,300	25
ND	27,440	15,000	55	26,765	15,300	57
OH	1,097	130	12	1,080		
OR	20,991	13,500	64	19,775	11,800	60
PA	3,375	1,100	33	2,640	900	34
WA	93,150	38,000	41	93,810	36,500	39
WI	32,800	14,900	45	30,450	14,500	48
Other States					4,240	
15 States	403,181	200,230	50	403,327	204,190	51

<sup>1</sup> Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2004 totaled 26.4 million cwt.

<sup>2</sup> Missing stocks combined into "Other States".